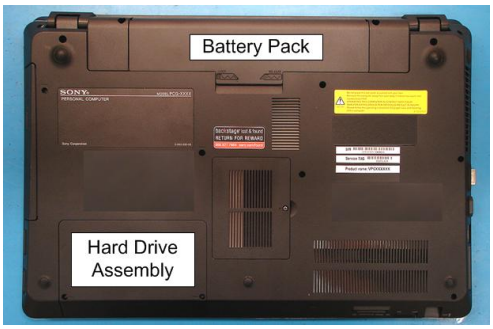
VPCF2 Series Hard Disk Drive Replacement Instructions

IMPORTANT!
PLEASE READ BEFORE YOU START

These easy instructions will guide you through the Hard Drive replacement process.

- ✓ Before you begin, place your notebook computer on a clean or covered surface to avoid damage to the computer's case.*
- ✓ Follow the ESD (Electrostatic Discharge) damage prevention instructions:
  - Hold parts by the edges, away from exposed circuitry when possible.
  - Do not walk around excessively as this promotes static build-up.
- ✓ Before you begin, remove any jewelry you may be wearing to prevent scratches to the surface of your notebook computer.*
- ✓ The appearance of the electronic components shown in the illustrations may differ from the components shipped. This slight difference does not affect the accuracy of these instructions.

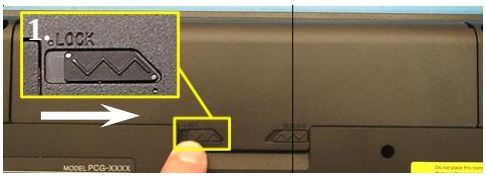
* Sony is not responsible for damage caused by incorrect handling of the notebook computer.

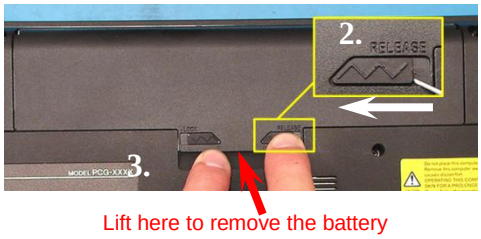


Prepare the Computer

⚠ **CAUTION**: **Make sure the computer is turned off, the lid is closed, and the AC Adapter is disconnected. Failure to do so can result in damage to the Computer.**

Step 1. Place the Computer upside down on a protected surface with the front edge facing you.



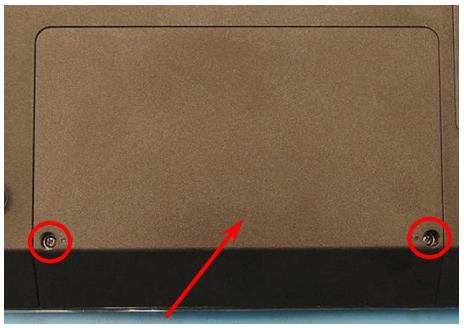


Lift here to remove the battery

Battery Pack Removal

Step 2:

1) Slide the "LOCK" battery tab to the right to unlock.
2) With your right finger, slide the "RELEASE" battery tab to the left and hold.
3) Insert your left finger in the battery notch and lift the Battery up to remove.



Hard Drive Door

Hard Drive Removal (Steps 3-7)

Step 3. Using the enclosed magnetic screwdriver, remove the two (2) screws securing the Hard Drive Door.

Put aside the Hard Drive Door Screws to re-secure the Hard Drive Door later in the procedure.

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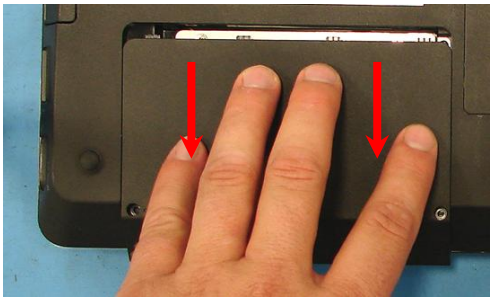
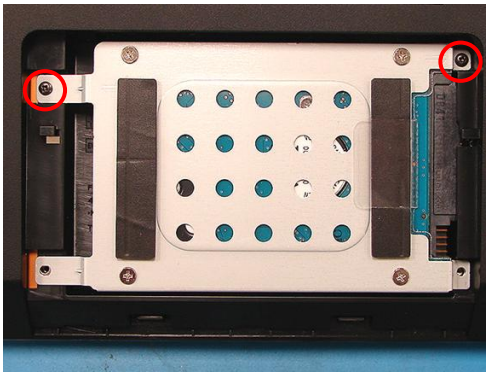
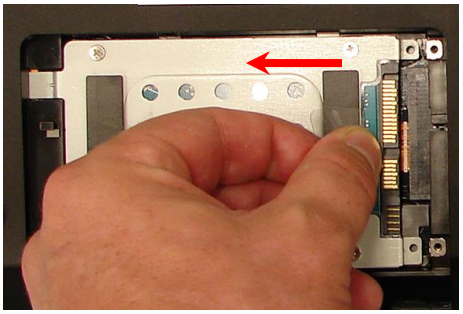


Step 4. Slide the Hard Drive Door away from the unit to remove.

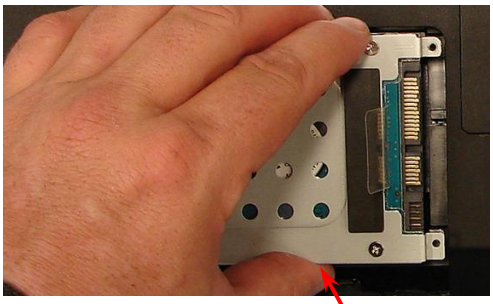


Step 5. Using the enclosed magnetic screwdriver, remove the two (2) screws securing the Hard Drive Assembly.

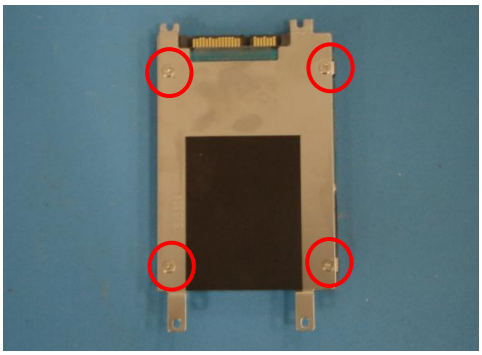
Put aside the Hard Drive Screws to re-secure the Hard Drive later in the procedure.



Step 6. Disconnect the Hard Drive by pulling the clear plastic tab to the left.



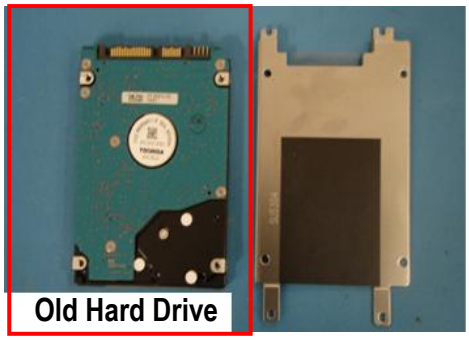
Step 7. Carefully lift the Hard Drive from the unit to remove.



Hard Drive Disassembly (Steps 8-13)

Step 8. Remove the four (4) screws which secure the bracket to the Hard Drive. Lift the Hard Drive Bracket straight up to remove.

Put aside the Bracket Screws to secure the Bracket to the new Hard Dive later in the procedure.



Step 9. Set the old Hard Drive aside.

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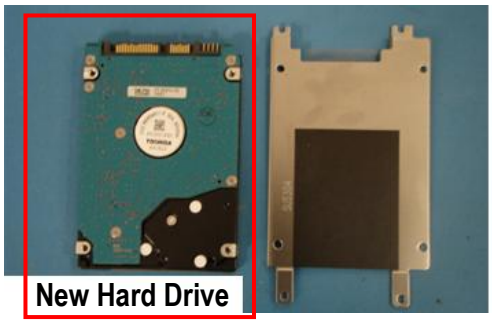
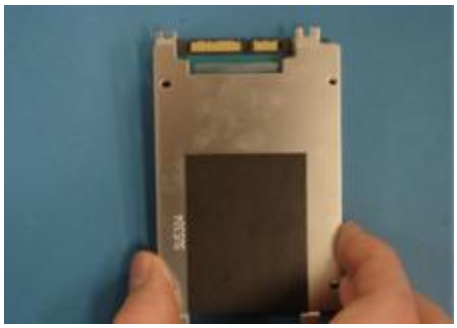
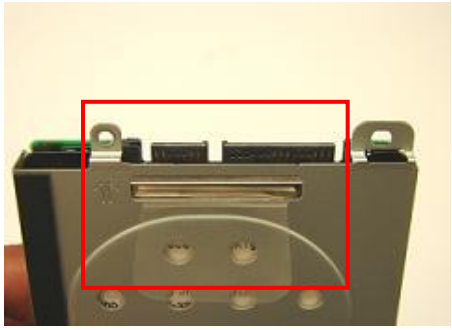


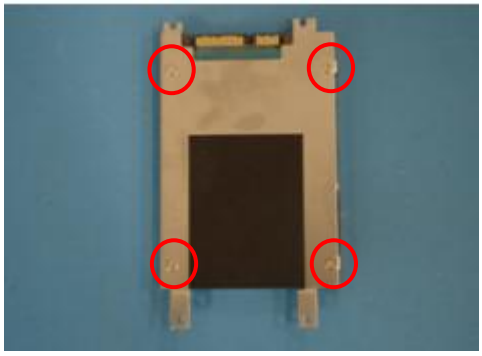
Step 10. Prepare the new Hard Drive for assembly.



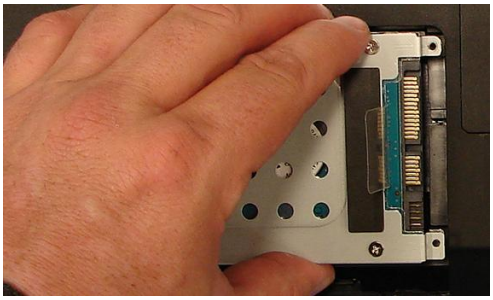
Step 11. Place the Hard Drive Bracket over the new Hard Drive.



NOTE! Proper mounting of the Hard Drive Bracket can be verified with the Hard Drive connectors appearing below the plastic pull tab.

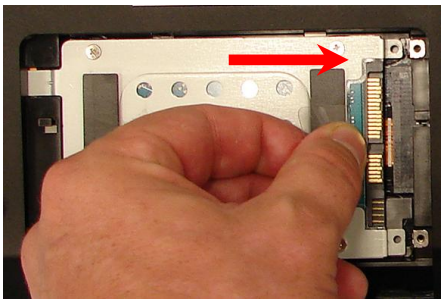


Step 12. Re-install the four (4) Hard Drive Bracket screws to secure the Bracket to the New Hard Drive.



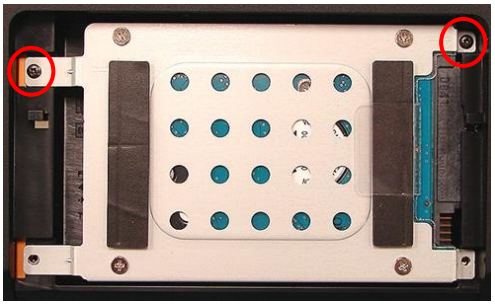
Hard Drive Reinstallation (Steps 14-18)

Step 13. Insert the Hard Drive Assembly into the Hard Drive Bay. Hold the Hard Drive on the sides to avoid damage.

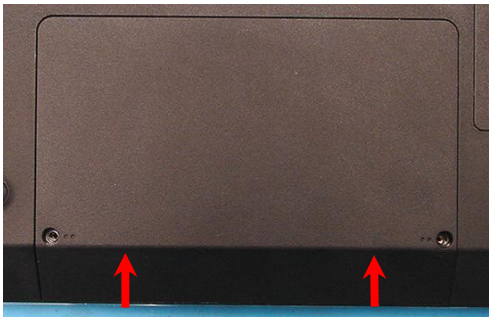


Step 14. Install the Hard Drive by sliding the Assembly to the right.

Make sure the screw holes align correctly.



Step 15. Re-install the two (2) Hard Drive screws holding the Hard Drive assembly in place.



Step 16. Slide the Hard Drive Door towards the unit to reinstall. Verify that the Door sits flush with the unit.

Step 17. Re-install the two (2) Hard Drive Door Screws to secure the Door.

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Step 18. Re-install the battery pack and reconnect the AC Adaptor.

Power on your computer and continue with the recovery process by following the instructions described on the back of the recovery disk's case.

Return the old Hard Drive to Sony using the included shipping instructions.